

OPINION 624

CROCODILUS PALUSTRIS LESSON, 1831 (REPTILIA) ; VALIDATED
UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *indicus* Gray, 1831, as published in the combination *Crocodilus vulgaris indicus*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *palustris* Lesson, 1831, as published in the binomen *Crocodilus palustris*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1788.

(3) The specific name *indicus* Gray, 1831, as published in the combination *Crocodilus vulgaris indicus*, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name No. 681.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 760)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission in April 1953 by Professor Robert Mertens. It was sent to the printer on 28 March 1960 and was published on 16 September 1960 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 17 : 315. Public Notice of the possible use by the Commission of its plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 4 : 51-56) and to two herpetological serials. An objection was received from Dr. E. Raymond Hall.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 1 May 1961 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (61)13 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 17 : 315. At the close of the voting period on 1 August 1961 the state of the voting was as follows :

Affirmative Votes—twenty-one (21), received in the following order : Dymond, Mayr, Holthuis, Hering, Hemming, Stoll, Boschma, Riley, Obruchev, Jaczewski, Bonnet, Alvarado, Brinck, Vokes, do Amaral, Key, Prantl, Lemche, Tortonese, Mertens, Kühnelt.

Negative Votes—two (2) : Miller, Uchida.

On Leave of Absence—one (1) : Bradley.

Voting papers not returned—one (1) : Evans.

Commissioner Poll returned a late negative vote.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Indexes by the Ruling given in the present Opinion :

indicus, *Crocodylus vulgaris*, Gray, 1831, *Synopsis Rept.* : 58
palustris, *Crocodylus*, Lesson, 1831, in Férussac, *Bull. Sci. nat.* 25 : 121

CERTIFICATE

WE certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (61)13 were cast as set out above, that the proposal set out in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 624.

N. D. RILEY
Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

W. E. CHINA
Assistant Secretary
London
23 October 1961

COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED VALIDATION OF *CICADELLA* LATREILLE,
1817. Z.N.(S.) 457

(see volume 18, pages 163-167)

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I have worked for more than 20 years in Homoptera Auchenorrhyncha and during this period I have seen so many changes of well-known generic names, that I do not hesitate to agree completely with the validation and suppression of names as given by W. E. China.

Especially for students working in economic entomology, it is very inconvenient to see the substitution of old known names (incorporated in many manuals) as for example, *Cicadella* versus *Eupteryx*. For these and other reasons it is more reasonable to avoid, in future, every prior generic replacement, if possible.

The use of *Cicadella* Latreille, 1817, for *viridis* L., 1758, and *Eupteryx* Curtis, 1831, for *atropunctata* Goeze, 1778, is to me, as I suppose to other workers in the group, quite acceptable and I support Dr. China's proposal very gladly.